

REMARKS

In response to the Election requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed February 28, 2005, Applicants, as required under 37 C.F.R. 121, elects the species of Group I, Figs. 1-15. Claims 1-20 read on Group I.

Although the claims of the present application are not limited to the specific details of the embodiment shown in Figs. 1-15, reference to elements of the embodiment of Figs. 1-15 will be made to provide clarification of claims 6 and 8. Regarding claim 6, as discussed in paragraph [69], spring 170 urges thread segments 166 so that female threads 172 mate with male threads 174 of rod 36. Additionally, spring 146 is positioned to provide bias between fastener 144 and rod 36. Regarding claim 8, as described in paragraphs [68], [69], and [74], rod 36 is pushed through fastener 144 during closing of door 14 without having to thread rod 36 in fastener 144. Because rod 36 does not have to rotate, motion between fastener 144 of the lock is lost relative to motor 34 during locking of door 14.

Paragraphs [63] and [69] are amended herein to provide updated reference information for a patent application incorporated by reference into the application and to correct a typographical error. No new matter is added by these amendments.

Claims 5, 7, 8, 10, 11, and 13-17 have been amended to correct typographical errors and to provide additional consistency between the claims. Entry of these amendments before prosecution on the merits is respectfully requested.

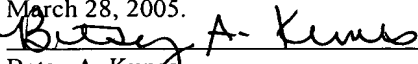
Submitted herewith is an Information Disclosure Statement. Consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement is respectfully requested.

Applicants further believe that no additional fees are due in connection with this submission, however, if any fees are necessary, please charge Deposit Account No. 02-0390, Baker & Daniels.

If there are any questions regarding any of the foregoing, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

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